

Regional Service Council Minutes

Region 7

Meeting Date: January 11, 2008

Meeting Location: Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford City, Indiana

Council Members Present: Pat Ergle, Mary Lou Hinkle, Betty Lyons, Steve Cox, Chuck Osterholt, Deb McGriff-Tharp

Council Members Absent: Judge Dailey, Jackie Fisher, Peggy Stewart, Judge Young, Judge Toney

Others in attendance: Mike Rich, Blackford/Jay FCM Supervisor, David Eilar, Wernle Children's Home, Margaret Richardson, Community Partners, Consuela Balfour, Secretary, Misty Hollis, Camp Yale, Robby Ayres, Family Service Society, Deana Reece, Family Services Society, Kevin Standfest, Whites Residential Family Services, Ryan A. Rhoads, Meridian Services, Bob Coles, Meridian Services.

Meeting called to order at 1:10 P.M. by Regional Manager, Steve Cox

1. Introductions of those in attendance
2. Minutes from December 2007 minutes passed out. Margaret Richardson requested that minutes be corrected on line 3 concerning Community Partners not having a tutoring program. David Eilar, requested the correction of his last name being misspelled. Betty Lyons motion to approve corrected minutes. Chuck Osterholt seconds the motion.
3. Community Partners Report: Margaret Richardson presented the monthly report for December 2007 for region 7. Margaret passed out information showing the total numbers of families actively enrolled with Community Partners in December 2007. What type of referrals and which counties sent the referrals.
4. Community Partners Discussion: Bob Cole's discussed the financial challenges of Community Partner's program. As affected by Medicaid funding verses the Grant funding.
5. IV-B Update: Steve Cox went over the Contract Term which would be January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. An explanation sheet was presented with more details and a time frame of the process was passed out. The RFP should be posted to the website January 15, 2008.
6. Quality Service Review update there was a packet presented that showed a summary of Region 7. The summary showed that Region 7 scored well in assuring the safety and well-being of children in the care of DCS.
7. Provider Presentation: Ryan Rhoades from Meridian presented a brochure about Foster Hope a division of Meridian Service. This has more detail about this program.

8. Questions / Concerns addressed.

9. Next Meeting Date: Council members confirmed February 8, 2008 for next meeting at Blackford county Annex in Hartford City. Room reserved.

Steve Cox thanked those in attendance for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.